

The Orchard Arboretum has a diverse collection of more than 75 common and unusual species of trees and shrubs to be enjoyed during all seasons by Applewood residents and the community.

Applewood Garden & Arboretum Committee and the Town of Amherst Conservation Department



Some of the many species at the Arboretum:

Acer saccharum Aesculus hippocastanum Amelanchier x grandiflora Betula platyphylla Campsis radicans Carpinus betulus Cersis canadensis Chaenomeles japonica Chamaecyparis obtusa Chionanthus virginicus Cercidiphyllum japonicum Clethera alnifolia Cornus kousa Crataegus viridis Ginkgo biloba Gleditsia triacanthos Gymnocladus dioica Hamamelis vernalis Halesia carolina Heptacodium miconioides Ilex verticillata Juniperus Formosan Koelreuteria paniculata Larix laricina Liriodendron tulipifera Liquidambar styraciflua Malus spp. Metasequoia glyptostroboides Morus rubra 'pendula' Nyssa sylvatica Oxydendrum arboreum Parrotia persica Philadelphus x virginalis Prunus subhirtella Prunus 'Holly Jolivette' Pyrus calleryana Ouercus palustris Rhododendron 'Olga' Robinia pseudoacacia Salix sachalinensis Sassaafras albidum Sciadopitys verticillata Sorbus alnifolia Spiraea x vanhouttei Stewartia pseudocamellia Tilia cordata 'Greenspire' Littleleaf Linden

Vaccinium corymbosum

Sugar Maple Horsechestnut Serviceberry Japanese White Birch Trumpet Vine European Hornbeam Eastern Redbud Japanese Quince Hinoki False Cypress White Fringetree Katsuratree Summersweet Clethera Kousa Dogwood Green Hawthorne Ginkgo Honey Locust Kentucky Coffeetree Yellow Witchhazel Carolina Silverbell Seven-son Flower Winterberry Formosan Juniper Golden Raintree American Larch Tulip Tree Sweetgum Apple Dawn Redwood Red Weeping Mulberry Black Tupelo Sourwood Persian Parrotia Mock Orange Weeping Cherry Flowering Mist Cherry Flowering Pear Pin Oak Rhododendron Olga Black Locust Faciated Willow Sassafras Japanese Umbrella Pine Korean Mountain Ash Vanhoutte spirea Japanese Stewartia

Highbush Blueberry

The Orchard Arboretum at Applewood

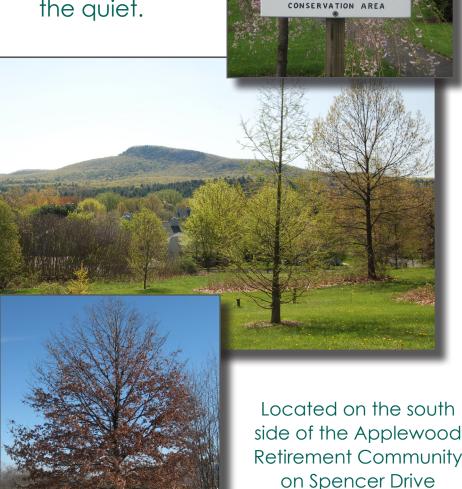
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TOWN OF AMHERST

off West Bay Road

Amherst, Mass

A place to enjoy the trees, the view, the quiet.

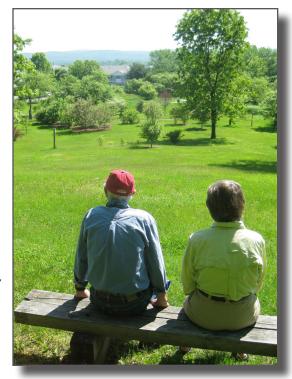


The Orchard Arboretum is a town conservation area, open to the public from dawn to dusk.

It is ideal
for
birding,
photography,
reading,
botanical study,
contemplation,
conversation.

The paved path is accessible for wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers.

No pets please.





History of the Orchard Arboretum

Much of the hillside south of Bay Road in South Amherst had for many years been covered with apple orchards owned by the Atkins Family. However, as the orchard began to age and became unprofitable, it was gradually abandoned or sold off for development.



Attracted by the scenic location, in 1991, a small group dedicated to having a retirement community in Amherst bought 16 acres here and built the Applewood Retirement Community. Many residents cherished the overgrown apple orchard across from the main entrance, and having always considered it a part of Applewood, were stunned to learn in January 1994 that it was going to be sold for a condominium development.

Applewood residents and others in the community, including major support from a bequest given by Janet Dakin, raised the \$175,000 needed to purchase the 6-acre orchard. The Kestrel Trust, a local land trust, assisted in acquiring the land and then transferred it to the Town of Amherst under the care and control of the Conservation Department with the proviso that it would be maintained as open land in perpetuity.

The Applewood Garden-Arboretum Committee works with the Conservation Department to help finance and maintain a 1-acre area as an arboretum. The aging apple trees have gradually been replaced with more than 130 trees and shrubs covering more than 75 species. Many of them were planted in memoriam by Applewood residents and their families. Additional contributions have allowed

for the installation of benches and a paved walkway making it accessible for all users. The Town Conservation Department maintains the remaining 5 acres of the conservation area as old field habitat for birds and wildlife.

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